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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

LORD ABBETT INVESTMENT TRUST –
LORD ABBETT SHORT DURATION
INCOME FUND; LORD ABBETT BOND-
DEBENTURE FUND, INC.; LORD ABBETT
INVESTMENT TRUST – LORD ABBETT
HIGH YIELD FUND; LORD ABBETT
SERIES FUND – BOND DEBENTURE
PORTFOLIO; LORD ABBETT
INVESTMENT TRUST – LORD ABBETT
INFLATION FOCUSED FUND; LORD
ABBETT INVESTMENT TRUST – TOTAL
RETURN FUND; LORD ABBETT
INVESTMENT TRUST – LORD ABBETT
INCOME FUND; LORD ABBETT
PASSPORT PORTFOLIOS PLC – LORD
ABBETT SHORT DURATION INCOME
FUND; LORD ABBETT PASSPORT
PORTFOLIOS PLC – LORD ABBETT HIGH
YIELD FUND; LORD ABBETT SERIES
FUND – TOTAL RETURN PORTFOLIO;
LORD ABBETT PASSPORT PORTFOLIOS
PLC – LORD ABBETT MULTI SECTOR
INCOME FUND; LORD ABBETT SHORT
DURATION CREDIT TRUST; LORD
ABBETT SERIES FUND – SHORT
DURATION INCOME PORTFOLIO; LORD
ABBETT PASSPORT PORTFOLIOS PLC –
LORD ABBETT STRATEGIC INCOME
FUND; LORD ABBETT PASSPORT
PORTFOLIOS PLC – LORD ABBETT
TOTAL RETURN FUND,

Civil Case No. 17-06365

PLAINTIFFS' RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Plaintiffs,

v.

VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS
INTERNATIONAL, INC., J. MICHAEL
PEARSON, HOWARD B. SCHILLER,
ROBERT L. ROSIELLO, TANYA CARRO,
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund; Lord Abbett Bond-Debenture Fund, Inc.; Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett High Yield Fund; Lord Abbett Series Fund – Bond Debenture Portfolio; Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund; Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Total Return Fund; Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Income Fund; Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund; Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett High Yield Fund; Lord Abbett Series Fund – Total Return Portfolio; Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett Multi Sector Income Fund; Lord Abbett Short Duration Credit Trust; Lord Abbett Series Fund, Inc. – Short Duration Income Portfolio; Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett Strategic Income Fund; Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett Total Return Fund (collectively, the “Lord Abbett Funds” or “Funds”) hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Funds are nongovernmental entities that have no parent corporation.
2. To the best of the Funds’ knowledge, the below publicly held entities, or entities related to publicly held companies, own 10% or more of (i) the outstanding shares of one or

more of the Funds, and/or (ii) one or more particular classes of the outstanding shares of one or more of the Funds.¹

Lord Abbett Bond-Debenture Fund, Inc.

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Edward D. Jones & Co.
- Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Corporation, Inc. for the benefit of Herman Kay Company Incorporated Employee 401K Savings
- Hartford Life Insurance Company (Separate Account)
- Mercer Trust Co., trustee for the benefit of Edward D. Jones & Co. deferred Compensation Plan
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments)
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- Raymond James
- Sammons Financial Network LLC (affiliated with Sammons Financial Group, Inc.)
- State Street Bank and Trust as trustee or customer for the benefit of ADP Access
- TD Ameritrade Trust Co.
- UBS Financial Services Inc.
- Voya Institutional Trust Co.

¹ Certain of the entities listed hold these shares in custodial accounts on behalf of their customers, not as direct beneficial owners of the shares.

- Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett High Yield Fund

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments)
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Corporation, Inc., agent for Qualified Employee Plans (401K) FINOPS-IC Funds
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of State Street Bank Trust Co.
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- Reliance Trust Co. (affiliated with FIS Wealth Management Services, Inc.) as trustee for ADP Access Large Market 401K
- Sammons Financial Network LLC (affiliated with Sammons Financial Group, Inc.)
- Voya Institutional Trust (affiliated with Voya Financial, Inc.)
- Wells Fargo Advisors LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Income Fund

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Fifth Third Bank

- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- PIMS/Prudential Retirement Plan (affiliated with Prudential plc)
- Sammons Financial Network LLC (affiliated with Sammons Financial Group, Inc.)
- Wells Fargo Advisors LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of customers' mutual funds
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of Trust Point Inc.
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- Stifel Nicolaus & Co Inc. (affiliated with Stifel Financial Corp.)
- UBS Wealth Management USA (affiliated with UBS AG)
- Wells Fargo Advisors LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Edward D. Jones & Co.
- John Hancock Life Insurance Co USA (affiliated with Manulife Financial)
- JP Morgan Securities LLC (affiliated with JPMorgan Chase & Co.)
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments)
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- Sammons Financial Network LLC (affiliated with Sammons Financial Group, Inc.)
- Wells Fargo Advisors LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Investment Trust – Lord Abbett Total Return Fund

- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Edward D. Jones & Co.
- Hartford Life (affiliated with The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.)
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of customers' mutual funds
- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) LLC for the benefit of State Street Bank Trust Co.

- National Financial Services, LLC (affiliated with Fidelity Investments) for the benefit of Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Corporation, Inc., agent for Qualified Employee Plans (401K) FINOPS-IC Funds
- Pershing LLC (affiliated with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)
- TD Ameritrade Trust Company (affiliated with TD Ameritrade)
- Wells Fargo Bank (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company) for the benefit of Various Retirement Plans
- Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC (affiliated with Wells Fargo & Company)

Lord Abbett Passport Portfolios plc – Lord Abbett Multi Sector Income Fund

- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (affiliated with Bank of America Corporation)

Lord Abbett Series Fund – Bond Debenture Portfolio

- Protective Life Insurance Company (affiliated with Dai-ichi Life Holdings, Inc.), Investment Products Services

Lord Abbett Series Fund – Short Duration Income Portfolio

- Lincoln Life Insurance Company (affiliated with Lincoln National Corporation)
- Midland National Life Insurance Company (affiliated with Sammons Financial Group, Inc.)

Lord Abbett Series Fund – Total Return Portfolio

- Pacific Life Insurance Company (affiliated with Pacific Mutual Holding Company)

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